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Lord Avebury
House of Lords
London SW1

Dear Lord Avebury,

Thank you for your letter of 6 July and for the subsequent copy of your letter to the French Ambassador, and for your prompt and strong action on this affair.I think that the questions you put to the Ambassador in your final paragraph are most helpful, and I should be interested to see his reply.The latest news on this case is more encouraging in that a Paris court has suspended the government's deportation decision. But our latest information is that M. Diouri remains unable to leave Gabon for some reason.

Concerning the other issues you raise, the Islamic Council has been working since its inception for the people of Kashmir to be able to exercise their right to self-determination through a plebiscite as called for in the UN resolutions of 1948 and 1949. The international conferences the Council has held have all featured this issue strongly and most recently I sent a message (copy enclosed) to be read to the World Kashmir Freedom Movement's conference currently being held in Virginia. We shall continue to do whatever we can.

The current situation in Iraq following the Gulf war is truly tragic for all the innocent people of Iraq who continue to suffer greatly. We continue to strive for the respect of their basic human rights and their rights to justice and peace.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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